

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 2025

“Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment’s hesitation.”
~ Catherine Doherty

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

People: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them.

People: I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”
(See Screen)

MORNING PRAYER

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

“You Are Mine”

TIME FOR CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our own sins in the silence of our hearts)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:31-32, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” Receive God’s truth. Receive God’s grace. Accept the freedom God provides.

People: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

#81 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

“Why Start At Temptation?”
Rev. Paul Masters

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*SONG OF REFLECTION

“At The Cross (love Ran Red)”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>

“Your Grace Is Enough”

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Children up through 5th grade are invited to Children’s Church in the CLC hallway which begins after the Moment For Young Leaders. If they’d prefer to stay seated, worship bags are by the door.

We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit with their children. The service can be streamed on a tv in the rooms.

Prayers for March 9th – 15th

Members of the Congregation:

Phyllis Chance, Colleen Deal, Ed Deal, Darlene Thomas, Lorraine Black & Jerry Hancock

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family)

Prayer Families:

Joe & Linda Ruge
Tony & Cyndie Salvatore
Eric & Kristy Samuelson
Jordan Samuelson

Pray for:

 (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

United Presbyterian Church, Traer & Faith Baptist Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on March 2nd was 168 (127, 20 FB, 21 YT). The offering on 03/02/25 was \$5,429.39.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Ruth Hancock & Delpha Holtzman

Vocals: Scott Deuel

Musicians: Isac Jamba, Steve Kelleher, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Steve Hulsebus

Elder: Ruth Hancock

Scholarship applications are available on the table outside the office door, with Amy in the office and online at: <http://fpcfd.org/information/scholarship-applications-2025/>.
Applications must be in the church office by 10 AM on Tuesday, April 1st.

KidZone Employment Opportunities

The biggest mission of our church, KidZone, needs you! They are looking for afternoon help from 2:30-5:30 at least 3 days a week. If you're interested, please talk to Bernadette or Jessica in the KidZone office.

Library Update

We've had 275 books added to our library collection! Thank you for all the donations and for memorial gifts to our library!

Guatemala Mission Trip Team

The monthly meeting for the Guatemala mission trip team will be Sunday, March 9th in the commons after worship.

No Youth Group

We won't have youth group or all-ages dinner on March 12th.

Guatemala Fundraising

The Guatemala mission trip team is holding a fundraiser on April 16th from 5-9 pm at Pizza Ranch. Come have dinner and raise money for the Guatemala trip.



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81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN CM

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 1562

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,
2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, And didst the vic-tory win,
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas-sion - tide,
4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.
O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con-quer sin.
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You

Jesus

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

Jesus

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God
 You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
 You lead us by still waters into mercy
 And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
 You use the weak to lead the strong
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation
 And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough
 Heaven reaches out to us
 Your grace is enough for me
 God I sing Your grace is enough
 I'm covered in Your love

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"